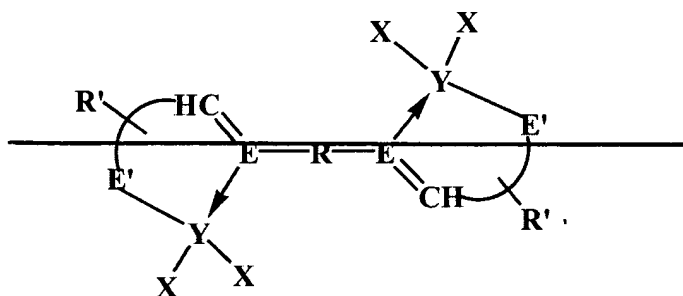


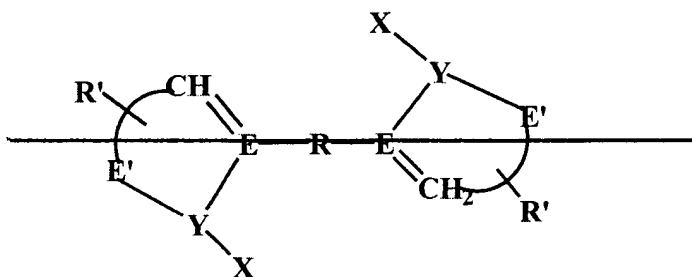
SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On page 4, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 2 with the following replacement paragraph:

In another aspect ~~one embodiment~~, L may be a Schiff base-containing ligand. ~~and the compound may comprise the general formula:~~

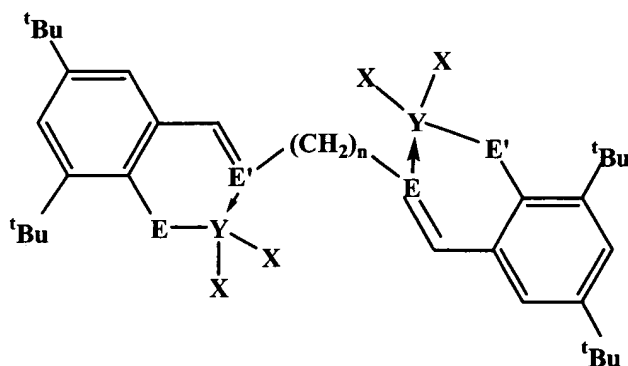


Y may be selected from the Group 13 elements consisting of boron, aluminum, gallium, indium, and tellurium, and X may be selected from the halide group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and astatine. In one another ~~embodiment~~, L may be a salen ligand which is bidentate, quadridentate, or greater, ~~with the compound comprising the general formula:~~

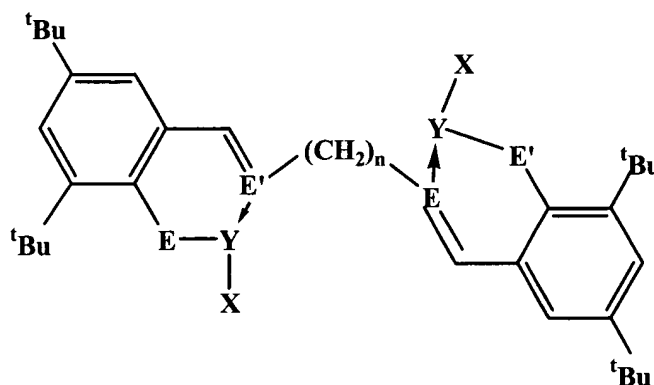


Typically, L is selected from the group consisting of Salen (^tBu), Salpen (^tBu), Salben (^tBu),

and Salhen (^tBu). ~~In these latter embodiments, the~~ The general formula of the chemical compound may be:



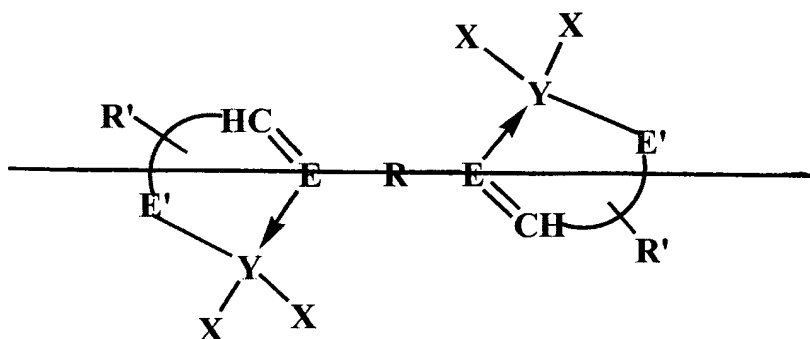
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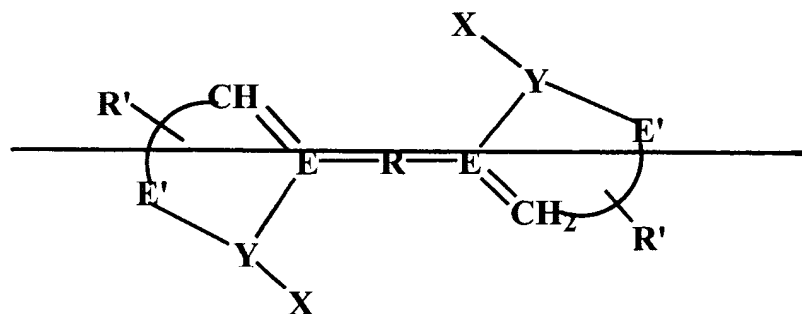
On page 7, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 5 (immediately following the heading Detailed Description of the Invention) with the following replacement paragraph:

In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, the composition provided by the present invention may be a chelate having the general formula $L\{YX_m\}_n$, where Y is a Group 13 element, X is a halide, and L is a chelating ligand having a bidentate binding site comprising sites E and E' contacting the Group 13 element. E and E' may be O, N, P, S, or

any combination thereof. Both bidentate (Figure 1), quadridentate (Figure 2), and greater ligands are contemplated by the present invention. ~~The chemical compounds of the invention may comprise the general formulae:~~



—or—



~~wherein Y is selected from the Group 13 elements consisting of boron, aluminum, gallium, indium, tellurium, and any combination thereof, X is selected from the halide group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, astatine, and any combination thereof, E and E' are selected from the group consisting of C, N, O, S, and any combination thereof, and R and R' are alkyl, aryl, or alkylaryl. The compositions of the present invention show excellent activity in dealkylating various phosphates and ethers as will be shown herein. An~~

additional advantage is that the method of the present invention may be conducted at room temperature.